

Spokane River Permit Tools Workshop

WELCOME



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Where we've been

A brief recap

- Late 2016
 - Started the permit process
 - New water quality standards issued
 - New permitting and water quality tools approved
- 2017
 - Meetings with permittees and stakeholders
 - Identify “adaptive management” as a common principle
- Early 2018
 - Permit strategy presented to permittees and stakeholders
 - Ecology and EPA meet to gain better understanding of tools
- Today
 - Sharing with you what we have learned





Where we are going

Permit Goal

- To write permits that meet legal requirements and are relevant to other waterbodies in the state;
- So that we can continue to find and reduce PCB inputs in order to meet water quality standards in the Spokane River and elsewhere.



Meeting Objective

- Attendees will leave with
 - A better understanding of the tools
 - How those tools might apply to the Spokane Permits
 - Next steps for permittees and Ecology



What you will hear today

- More details about
 - Permit tools
 - Water quality standards tools
 - Permit process and timelines
- Technical presentations
 - Reference materials
 - Posted on Spokane River website





Introductions

Permit Team

- **Management Team**

- Adriane Borgias, ERO Water Quality Section Manager
- Art Jenkins, ERO Permit Unit Supervisor
- Karl Rains, ERO Watershed and Permit Planner

- **Permit Writing Team**

- Diana Washington, Municipal Permits
- Pat Hallinan, Industrial Permits
- Ellie Key, Policy and technical support

- **Water Quality Tools Team**

- Cheryl Niemi, Water Quality Standards
- EPA Technical support



Step-by-Step Approach to Achieve Water Quality Standards



